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Effective September 1, 2006 feeding deer became illegal in the State of Virginia. The ban on feeding deer runs from September 1 through the first Saturday in January. The intent of this regulation is to stop the feeding of deer which artificially inflates deer populations beyond the means of the environment and can lead to negative consequences such as, disease transmission, human/deer conflicts such as motor vehicle accidents and the semi-taming of wildlife.

The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries will enforce the provisions of this regulation. The unlawful feeding of deer can result in prosecution. To report violations please call the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Wildlife Crime Line at 1-800-237-5712.